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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
JEAN-MARC DARRIEUX ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/FR00/01700)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: DEVICE FOR FIXING :  
INSTRUMENTS TO AN  
INSTRUMENT PANEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 7-12 as follows:

7. (New) A device for fixing to an instrument panel an instrument contained in a casing, comprising flanges formed on the instrument casing, behind its anterior face, a recess formed in the instrument panel, a cross-section of the recess being a same as that of the casing with its flanges, a bottom of the recess being pierced with an opening having a same cross-section as the casing alone, a depth of the recess being substantially equal to a length of